

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Route 3, Route 46, Valley Road & Notch/Rifle Camp Road Interchange

Deforestation / Reforestation Public Information Center

Thursday, February 25, 2016, 6 – 8 PM

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and cost, will hold a **Public Information Center** to discuss **Deforestation / Reforestation for the Route 3, Route 46, Valley Road & Notch/Rifle Camp Road Interchange Project located in the Borough of Woodland Park, Township of Little Falls, and City of Clifton, Passaic County**. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or by e-mail.

The Meeting:

The Public Information Center will be held on **Thursday, February 25, 2016 from 6 – 8 PM in the Fellowship Hall, St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 818 Valley Road, Clifton**. You will have an opportunity to review deforestation / reforestation exhibits, ask questions, and discuss concerns with NJDOT staff members.

The Proposed Project:

The NJDOT is undertaking a project to reconstruct the Route 3, Route 46, Valley Road & Notch/Rifle Camp Road Interchange to correct existing operational and safety problems along the Route 46 and Route 3 corridors from Lower Notch Road to Rock Hill Road (Route 46) and from Valley Road to Grove Street (Route 3). In addition, the NJDOT is proposing geometric and intersection improvements to county and municipal roads.

NJDOT proposes to make operational improvements to the interchanges and improve motorist safety by:

- adding acceleration and deceleration speed change lanes and standard shoulders on Route 46 and Route 3;
- realigning Route 46 to converge westbound and diverge eastbound with Route 3 from the right side instead of the current left;
- improving the local roadway network by providing a two-way service road (proposed Great Notch Road) on the north side of Route 46 between Notch/Rifle Camp Road and Valley Road;
- constructing a new bridge over Route 46 at Clove Road with a proposed connection to proposed Great Notch Road to improve local access to and from Route 46 westbound; and,
- replacing three bridge structures and rehabilitating two others.

The project will be constructed over the course of two independent construction contracts (Contract A & Contract B).

Proposed Reforestation Plan:

The NJDOT is required by the New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act to hold a public forum when one or more acres of deforestation occurs in an area owned or maintained by a state entity to present to the public the deforestation and reforestation plans for that project. Construction of this project (both Contract A and Contract B) will deforest approximately 9.51 total acres of trees according to the methodology outlined in the No Net Loss (NNL) Program Guidelines. The breakdown of deforestation per municipality is as follows: Borough of Woodland Park – 3.66 acres, Township of Little Falls – 2.19 acres and City of Clifton – 3.66 acres. Reforestation for both contracts will total 2.0 acres. The breakdown of reforestation within the limits of the project per municipality is as follows: Borough of Woodland Park - 0.5 acres, Township of Little Falls – 0.3 acres and City of Clifton – 1.2 acres. The law states that if tree planting adjacent to the deforested area is not possible, it shall be conducted in the following order: within the municipality in which the deforestation occurred, within five miles of the site of deforestation, or off-site. As none of these options are feasible, the Department will provide monetary compensation in the amount equal to the value of the number of trees required to the "Shade Tree and Community Forest Preservation License Plate Fund." The affected municipalities will be advised by Community Forestry the amount of monies available for tree planting within their communities via a grant process. Plans showing the deforestation and reforestation for the project will be presented and an opportunity for public comment on the plans will be provided.

Estimated Project Schedule:

Estimated Construction Start (Contract A) - December 2015

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